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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: ANTEL MODERNIZATION

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1. ON MAY 27, ANTEL RELEASED SPECIFICATIONS FOR TURNKEY CONSTRUCTION OF THIS ESTIMATED \$50 MILLION PROJECT INVOLVING THE CONSTRUCTION OF MICROWAVE AND MARITIME COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS. EMBOFF HAS SPOKEN WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH COLLINS AND GTE AND HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT EACH HAS SENT SPECIFICATIONS TO THEIR RESPECTIVE US FIRMS. A NOVEMBER 1, 1977, DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS BY THE EIGHT FIRMS (INCLUDING COLLINS AND GTE) PRE-QUALIFIED TO PARTICIPATE HAS BEEN SET (SEE REF A).

2. ANTEL IS CONTINUING CONSIDERATION OF OFFERS BY FIRMS WISHING TO PROVIDE SUPERVISORY CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE PROJECT (SEE REF B). BIDS WERE OPENED OCTOBER 29, 1976. AN URUGUAYAN-CHILEAN-FRENCH CONSORTIUM, CONSUTEL, IS DISCUSSING A CONTRACT WITH ANTEL, BUT THE TWO PARTIES HAVE NOT YET AGREED ON A PRICE. ONCE SELECTED, THE CONSULTING FIRM WILL THEN ASSIST ANTEL IN THE SELECTION OF THE COMPANY WHICH WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TURNKEY CONSTRUCTION.

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3. COMMENT: THE ORIGINAL TIMETABLE CALLED FOR CONTRACTS WITH BOTH CONSULTING AND CONSTRUCTION FIRMS TO BE SIGNED BY MAY 1977. THIS PROJECT HAS SUFFERED A SERIES OF DELAYS AND IT NOW SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT WORK WILL BEGIN BEFORE MID-1978.
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